

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0025], [0026], and [0032] with the following amended paragraphs:

****Paragraph numbers below are expressed as NNNN/XXXX, with NNNN being the paragraph number from the filed Specification and XXXX being the corresponding paragraph number from the published application US 2005/0116428.**

[0025/0037]** In the front region of the tool holder main body 10, on opposite sides in the wall of the holder body there are formed axially extending through-openings 11, in which locking members 12, which can comprise, for example, sintered shaped bodies, are located. The locking members 12 are inserted into the through-openings 11 in such a way, and their cross-sectional shape and the cross-sectional shape of the receiving openings 11 are so matched to one another, that the locking members 12 can be displaced between a radially inner and a radially outer position, but so that when there is no tool or bit shank 30 inserted in the ~~receiving opening~~ tool holder main body 10, the locking members 12 are not able to fall radially inwards right through the receiving openings 11.

[0026/0038]** The locking members 12 co-operate with a supporting ring 16. An outer spring 20 acts on the rear side of the supporting ring 16 and so the supporting ring 16 is consequently always spring-loaded in the forward direction. An inner spring 21 is arranged with its front end abutting a washer 22 which, in the position shown in Figure 1, abuts both the rear end of the locking members 12 and the rear end of the supporting ring 16. In that position, the front end of the supporting ring 16 is supported against an adjusting sleeve 23 that surrounds it, which adjusting sleeve in this state abuts an annular damping arrangement 25, which is supported against a supporting washer 26 that is prevented from being displaced forwards a nose ring 27 ~~[[of]]~~ made of elastic material and fitted over the forward end of the holder body 10

[0032/0044]** If the shank 30 of a tool or bit is inserted into the receiving opening of the holder body 10 then the rear end of the shank 30 comes into contact with the front end of the locking members 12. As the chisel shank 30 is introduced further, it displaces the locking members 12 axially rearwards the locking members 12 are able to yield radially outwards and move behind the supporting ring 16. In this position of the locking members 12, the rear end of the chisel shank 30 can slide past the locking members 12, until the locking members 12 are again located entirely in the region of the axial grooves 4 of the shank 30. Once this position has been reached, the pressure of the inner spring 21 causes the washer 22, and hence the locking members 12, to be displaced forwards again into the position shown in the upper half of Figure 1, and the chisel is thus securely held in the receiving opening of the holder body 10 so that it has limited axial movement back and forth.